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San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott Announces Agreement to Demolish Nuisance Property in Little Italy Community

The nuisance property at 805 W. Cedar and 1560 California St, located next to a fire station and across from the County Administration Center is the subject of an enforcement action taken by the City Attorney's Nuisance Abatement Unit. Removal of the community eyesore and neighborhood safety threat comes after a settlement was achieved between the City Attorney's Office and the building's owners. A civil enforcement complaint filed by the City Attorney's Office against the owners, details at least four years of law enforcement activity at the site. From January 1, 2019, to February 5, 2023, the San Diego Police Department responded to 44 calls for service in response to reports of disturbing the peace, narcotics sales and use, and trespassing. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department also frequently responded to extinguish fires and illegal burns and to provide medical aid to transients, which included responding to a death that occurred on site.

“The property at 805 W. Cedar and 1560 California St. is located is one of San Diego’s most vibrant communities,” said City Attorney Elliott. **“Sadly, this property had become an eyesore and a safety threat, with San Diego Police frequently responding to reports of crimes being committed at the site. This agreement will put an end to that activity, so that our neighbors and visitors can once again frequent this neighborhood without fear.”**

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To settle the case, the property owners have agreed to demolish the vacant buildings, pay \$3994 in investigative costs, and \$200,000 in civil penalties, with \$142,500 stayed so long as the property owners comply with the injunction and stipulated judgment terms. The property owners have also agreed to keep the property free of trash, board and secure the structures pending the demolition, and to hire a security guard to patrol the premises to remove unauthorized individuals.

“Our quality of life in San Diego depends on creating neighborhoods where everyone can thrive,” City Attorney Elliott said. **“The highly specialized team of attorneys and support staff assigned to our Community Justice Division and Nuisance Abatement Unit (NAU) work hard every day to address quality of life issues within our city. I want to thank Assistant City Attorney Paige Folkman, Chief Deputy City Attorney Gabriela Brannan, and Supervising Deputy City Attorney Paul Prather for their outstanding work in bringing this case to a successful conclusion for the People of San Diego.”**

The NAU aggressively enforces public nuisance, land use, and environmental laws in the City of San Diego. NAU works in partnership with City departments, Council Offices, community groups, and the police and fire department to proactively preserve and enhance the quality of life in our communities.

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